

## SUBCHAPTER J—HIGHWAY SAFETY

### PART 924—HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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#### § 924.1 Purpose.

The purpose of this regulation is to set forth policy for the development and implementation of a comprehensive highway safety improvement program in each State.

#### § 924.3 Definitions.

(a) The term *highway*, as used in this regulation, includes in addition to those items listed in 23 U.S.C. 101(a), those facilities specifically provided for the accommodation and protection of pedestrians and bicyclists.

(b) The term *State*, as used in this regulation, means any one of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands except that, for the purpose of implementing section 203 of the Highway Safety Act of 1973, as amended, *State* means any one of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

#### § 924.5 Policy.

Each State shall develop and implement, on a continuing basis, a highway safety improvement program which has the overall objective of reducing the number and severity of accidents and decreasing the potential for accidents on all highways.

#### § 924.7 Program structure.

The highway safety improvement program in each State shall consist of

components for planning, implementation, and evaluation of safety programs and projects. These components shall be comprised of processes developed by the States and approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Where appropriate, the processes shall be developed cooperatively with officials of the various units of local governments. The processes may incorporate a range of alternate procedures appropriate for the administration of an effective highway safety improvement program on individual highway systems, portions of highway systems and in local political subdivisions, but combined shall cover all public roads in the State.

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#### § 924.9 Planning.

(a) The planning component of the highway safety improvement program shall incorporate:

(1) A process for collecting and maintaining a record of accident, traffic, and highway data, including, for railroad-highway grade crossings, the characteristics of both highway and train traffic;

(2) A process for analyzing available data to identify highway locations, sections and elements determined to be hazardous on the basis of accident experience or accident potential;

(3) A process for conducting engineering studies of hazardous locations, sections, and elements to develop highway safety improvement projects as defined in 23 U.S.C. 101(a); and

(4) A process for establishing priorities for implementing highway safety improvement, projects, considering:

(i) The potential reduction in the number and/or severity of accidents,

(ii) The cost of the projects and the resources available,

(iii) The relative hazard of public railroad-highway grade crossings based on a hazard index formula,

(iv) Onsite inspection of public grade crossings,

(v) The potential danger to large numbers of people at public grade crossings used on a regular basis by